AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

However, in the e-mail system including the IFAX communication system, a plurality of mail servers distributes by turns the e-mail message from the sender to a final distribution destination as relaying. Therefore, distribution time depends on mail server processing time, operation state, and the like. For example, when an abnormal overload is applied to a certain mail server at a relay point, it takes several hours before the message is distributed to a next relay point in some cases. Moreover, when the power supply of the mail sever server temporarily drops, re-transmission to the mail server is repeated, causing the e-mail distribution to be delayed by an amount of time, which is required before the power supply starts up, in some instances. Thus, in the IFAX communication system, since there is a possibility that delay in the delivery of e-mail message will occur, a real-time property is not insured.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

The image information transmission control section comprises a received mail determining section 601, a transmission selecting section 602, an image information file managing section 603, and a timer monitoring section 604. The received mail determining section 601 analyzes e-mail received at the IFAX processing section 400 (hereinafter

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referred to as received mail), to ~~determines~~ <u>determine</u> whether or not this received e-mail

is the error mail from the mail server. Moreover, the received mail determining section

601 determines whether or not the received e-mail is the DSN mail, and then determines

whether or not the DSN mail notifies that the delivery of the e-mail normally ends. In

addition, the received mail determining section 601 determines the correlation between

the received e-mail and the image information file.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 25 with the following

amended paragraph:

In the image information file storing area 605, image information transmitted by

the ~~IAFX~~ <u>IFAX</u> processing section 400 is stored in, for example, compressed file format.

A file name is provided to each of image information.